

testimony". So in other words when the issue has been settled with regard to the fact that this child cannot testify in court, good cause has been shown that there is a compelling need for this individual, this child witness or this child victim to not suffer the trauma of the courtroom, the trauma of the crowd, that what will happen is that they will be videotaped, and that is a good measure. But what my amendment does is says that that is all that will happen, they will be videotaped. They will not be allowed to have the prosecuting attorney videotape it and then bring that child back into court anyway. Because the way that LB 90 is written currently, without this amendment, you will have that child videotaped and the option there, the ability there for the attorneys to bring that child into court anyway. If we are really truly going to say that LB 90 is a children's bill, and that LB 90 is out there to protect children, then the only way we can do that, the only way we can do that legitimately and honestly is by only allowing that videotape to be used once the compelling need has been shown, and we do that by adopting this amendment to the bill. Many of you have spent a lot of time listening to the arguments on LB 90, many of you have been contacted on this, in the last few days you've gotten calls to support LB 90 without any of Hall's amendments. And all the amendments that I had filed were legitimate amendments, but those are all going away. This amendment is not going to go away. This is an amendment that we need to discuss. This is the heart and soul of the bill. Senator Scofield argued, on General File, that if we adopted this amendment we gut the bill. I don't understand how we gut the bill. If the argument is that we are out to protect children, that we want to bring LB 90 before the body and have it become law, because we need to look out for children, then it is my belief that we look out for those children throughout LB 90 and we strike "ordinarily", because what "ordinarily" does is it allows that prosecuting attorney the option to determine whether or not we protect a child. We, as a body, don't have that option any longer. We have delegated that option to the prosecuting attorney, and that is not right. We should adopt this amendment so that we clearly state and we honestly state that LB 90 is a children's bill. I would urge ample discussion of this amendment, and I would move the adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Scofield, please, then Senator Wesely.